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Brain Injuries

The human brain is fragile. Scientists and doctors are just learning how fragile the brain truly is. Technologies are being developed that show microscopic damage that was previously undiagnosable.

Some brain injuries can lead to permanent impairment; other injuries can prove fatal. Any serious brain injury can drastically change the life of the person experiencing it, as well as the lives of his or her family and friends.

The brain can sustain damage in a variety of ways. Often, head injuries occur because of the negligence of others. The most common causes include car accidents, assaults, medical negligence during childbirth, and falls caused by dangerous conditions.

You May Be Entitled To Compensation | You Deserve Justice

If you or a loved one has suffered a brain injury caused by someone else's poor conduct or negligent action or inaction, you may be entitled to compensation for your medical expenses, loss of enjoyment of life, lost wages and other damages. Depending on the circumstances, your case may also involve the seeking of damages to punish, called punitive damages, if the responsible party did harm to you deliberately or failed to address the harm.

The San Diego County lawyers of <u>Parker Thorson</u> have been successful in winning major lawsuits related to brain injury, including claims resulting in seven-figure and eight-figure jury awards. We limit our practice to the litigation of brain injury cases, including cases involving:

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Brain hemorrhage
- Brain injuries affecting children
- Post-concussion syndrome
- Paraplegia, quadriplegia and other forms of paralysis
- Severe emotional and personality shifts



Child Brain Injuries

The developing brains of children are susceptible to serious injury, both during birth and at all stages of childhood. Many <u>serious brain injuries</u> occur in children as a result of head trauma due to car accidents, bicycle accidents (particularly when helmets are not worn), falls and other events. In infants, *anoxic brain injury* can occur during childbirth when the supply of oxygen to the brain is impeded or interrupted.

Helping Families Cope | Holding Negligent Parties Accountable

At Parker Thorson, based in the San Diego area, we work with families who have experienced the severe hardships brought on by a head injury in their children. Our firm handles brain injury cases exclusively, including cases involving:

- Brain hemorrhaging
- Post-concussion syndrome, the symptoms of which can persist for months
- A "secondary insult" following a first concussion
- Paraplegia and quadriplegia
- Injury-related behavioral and mood disorders
- Serious birth-related injuries such as cerebral palsy
- Seizures
- Acceleration/deceleration/rotational injuries
- Product liability related to dangerous and defective products
- Premises liability related to unsafe conditions

Our attorneys litigate major cases related to negligence, medical malpractice and fraud on the part of motorists, medical providers, insurance companies and other parties. We are known for

winning seven-figure and eight-figure jury verdicts and settlements. We are known for our aggressive pursuit of justice in every case we take on.

Talk To A Southern California Lawyer About Child Brain Injury

We can answer your questions about <u>traumatic brain injury (TBI)</u>, closed-head injuries and other matters related to brain injury in children. Contact Parker Thorson for a free consultation.



Symptoms Of Brain Injury

A brain injury can reveal itself in a wide variety of ways, some of them obvious and some not so obvious. Symptoms of brain injury can include:

- Headaches characterized by pain or pressure
- Dizziness or nausea
- Internal bleeding (hemorrhaging), which can lead to a sensation of pain or pressure in the head, or which may be detected only through a CT scan or other medical imaging
- Problems with memory or speech
- Loss of motor function and paralytic conditions such as paraplegia or quadriplegia
- Changes in <u>behavior</u>, <u>mood or personality</u>, which can include depression, irritability, mood swings, inattentiveness, loss of interest or change in affect (visible facial indicators of mood)
- Vision problems or noticeable changes in the pupils or other parts of the eye

Always seek medical attention promptly if you believe you or a loved one has suffered a brain injury. Information on this web site is not a substitute for medical care. In some cases, appropriate legal counsel is also important, but it can wait until proper medical care has been obtained.

A Law Firm Dedicated To Helping Brain Injury Victims

At the law firm of <u>Parker Thorson</u>, based in San Diego County, we dedicate our practice to helping brain injury victims and their families. Our focus on this one area of the law enables us to deliver outstanding representation and excellent results — including numerous multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements for many of our clients.

Led by trial lawyers Julie K. Parker and Cassandra C. Thorson, the firm litigates personal injury and wrongful death cases throughout California.

Contact Parker Thorson To Get Your Questions Answered | **Free Consultation**

Talk to an experienced Southern California attorney for head injury victims. <u>Contact Parker Thorson</u> to discuss your concerns.



Personality Changes And Behavioral Disorders

Most people know that a brain injury can affect how the body works. Many people *don't* know what can happen to a person's thinking, emotions and behavior after an accident.

In many cases, the effects of head trauma are not immediately noticeable, or they may be mistaken for another problem. Sometimes the most confounding <u>symptoms</u> of a brain injury relate to changes in the injured person's personality, moods and actions, changes that can lead to misdiagnosis, understandable frustration in family members, problems with relationships and employment, and other difficulties.

Some individuals who experience these problems become isolated. It is important to get help if a loved one has experienced a head injury. It is important to have someone who can advocate for your legal rights if another person's negligence caused the injury; you may be entitled to financial compensation for your losses and damages.

Strong Representation And Real Advocacy Regarding Complex Brain Injury

At the San Diego County law firm of Parker Thorson, we limit our practice to <u>brain injury</u> cases. We have an in-depth understanding of the complicated (and sometimes frustrating) behavioral and personality changes that a head injury can bring. And our experienced trial lawyers have a long history of winning jury verdicts and settlements related to negligence, malpractice, fraud and other serious matters.

Our firm can advise you and your family if your case involves:

- Post-concussive syndrome, which can last for months or more following a car accident, an assault or another event.
- Irritability
- Depression
- Difficulty concentrating, which can affect an injured person's ability to work or study
- Frontal lobe injury
- Mood swings

Every head injury case is different. Your case is important.

Contact Parker Thorson | The Consultation Is Free

Talk to an attorney who understands behavioral and personality changes related to brain injuries. Contact Parker Thorson in La Mesa, California, for a free consultation about your case.



Brain Injury Treatment And Recovery

Injury to the brain can cause a plethora of serious medical conditions. Some brain injuries are caused by the negligence or misconduct of someone other than the person who was hurt — that's where we come in.

The good news is that many <u>types of brain injuries</u>, even serious injuries, are treatable. With perseverance and expert care, some patients can experience significant recovery, while others celebrate even the smallest of improvements.

Representing Injured People And Their Families | Protecting Our Clients' Rights

At the law firm of Parker Thorson, based in San Diego County, we concentrate on major lawsuits related to brain injury. We are a highly focused practice, not a general personal injury firm. We take our work seriously — the work of holding negligent parties accountable and obtaining maximum compensation for our clients' life-altering losses. Our lawyers prepare every case for jury trial.

As your attorneys, a big part of our job will be to help you concentrate your energy on your recovery (or your loved one's recovery) by handling all aspects of your case, including helping you receive the specialized care brain injuries require. This treatment can be expensive, and we can help.

We fiercely protect our clients' legal rights. We provide an exceptionally high level of service. We treat every case as if it were our only case.

Talk To Parker Thorson | The Consultation Is Free

If you are seeking a California attorney for brain injury treatment and recovery, talk to Parker Thorson about your case. We can answer your questions about symptoms and diagnoses and explain what legal options you may have. Contact us for a free consultation.



Brain Anatomy

If you or a loved one has experienced a brain injury, it can be helpful to understand the basic anatomy of the human brain, which controls countless aspects of our thinking, our feelings, our movements and our interactions with others. The main parts of the brain are:

- The cerebral cortex, the broad outermost area of the brain, is involved in higher functions like decision making. It includes the occipital lobe, the parietal lobe, and the frontal and temporal lobes.
- The cerebellum, which plays a role in certain body movements.
- The brain stem, which helps control involuntary functions.
- **The basal ganglia,** a cluster of nerve tissue at the brain's core that is believed to aid in the coordination between different parts of the brain.

The brain is an incredibly complex, highly sensitive organ, with many parts that are not fully understood by scientists. Equipping yourself with knowledge can help you advocate for an injured loved one and communicate effectively with doctors. We will help you with this.

Trial Lawyers Who Win Brain Injury Cases

At the San Diego County law firm of Parker Thorson, we are trial lawyers who can win big, challenging brain injury cases. We are a law firm that exists to help our clients with all aspects of what they are facing.

As our client, you will receive outstanding, personalized service. We will help you get the medical care you need. You will have your case in the hands of attorneys who will stop at nothing to make sure you receive maximum compensation and a sense of justice.

Contact The Attorneys Of Parker Thorson | Free Initial Consultation

Our firm's California trial attorneys understand frontal lobe injury, <u>brain hemorrhage</u> and many other types of brain injury that can change people's lives. <u>Contact us</u> for a free case consultation.



Finding a Traumatic Brain Injury Attorney in San Diego

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a serious head injury that may result from a variety of factors. A car accident, a fall or any blow to the head, can all result in a traumatic brain injury. The traumatic brain injury lawyers at Parker Thorson Attorneys at Law are well versed in aggressively pursuing potentially guilty...

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Finding a Head Injury Lawyer

Sustaining a head injury can change a person's entire life in just a few moments. Getting injured as a result of negligence on the part of a trusted party, such as a medical professional or a medical institution, is unfair and should be put right by those with experience in such matters. Head injury lawyers...

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Child Brain Injuries Attorney

Having a child with a brain injury can be one of the worst events that can happen to a parent. Such injuries can slow down their growth and development. The toll such a situation takes on the parents or guardians is quiet extensive. The parent or guardian may lose their job because of all the...

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Looking for a Catastrophic Injury Attorney?

The list of side-effects of a catastrophic brain injury is quiet extensive, and medical professionals, insurance agencies and other institutions' first order of business is to deny any wrongdoing and send the injured party on their way. Some of the symptoms of a catastrophic brain injury are seizures, paraplegia, and quadriplegia. Loss of balance and...

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Finding a Brain Injury Attorney

If you or a loved one are suffering from a brain injury that resulted from an unjust action, you have the right to be compensated. Parker Thorson Attorneys at Law will provide you with all the necessary legal services you may need. A review of your case during a free consultation will provide much of...

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Finding the Right Birth-Related Brain Injuries Lawyer

Pregnancy and childbirth are complicated processes where a doctor's or the hospital's negligence can lead to serious brain injury in the offspring. Some serious complications resulting from lack of oxygen, or an anoxic condition of the fetus include cerebral palsy, any number of neuropsychiatric disorders or a stunted development overall. Proper care and due diligence...

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California grandmother in coma after car crash

On behalf of Parker Thorson posted in Brain Injury on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

A 55-year-old woman was hospitalized in critical condition after being struck by a hit-and-run driver on Thanksgiving. The woman was struck after pushing her 8-year-old granddaughter out of the car's path while they crossed the street in Inglewood at a marked crosswalk.

She was taken to UCLA Medical Center where she was in a coma. A family member said that the woman suffered damage to the right side of her brain, and her prognosis was uncertain. The 8-year-old suffered a leg fracture and was also treated before being released. Family members say that she has experienced recurring nightmares since the accident occurred.

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The dangers of concussions

On behalf of Parker Thorson posted in Brain Injury on Monday, November 30, 2015.

Many California parents hear about how dangerous concussions can be in professional sports, and they are warned about the dangers in child sports as well. However, some of them may not fully understand what a concussion is, how it happens or why it is dangerous.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a concussion is a kind of traumatic brain injury that occurs after a blow, bump or impact to the head or to the body that causes the brain to move around inside the skull. The organization reports that about 175,000 kids receive emergency room treatment for concussions every year due to sports, including basketball, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, soccer and wrestling.

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Another high school football player seriously injured

On behalf of Parker Thorson posted in Brain Injury on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Another high school football player has been seriously injured while playing football, this time in California. The incident occurred on Oct. 23 during in the third quarter in a game between Riverside Poly and Moreno Valley Rancho Verde high schools.

News sources indicate that the player, an 18-year-old senior safety, suffered a hit and then collapsed on the sidelines after stumbling off of the field. His stepfather reportedly said he appeared to be suffering from concussion-like symptoms, and the athletic staff called an ambulance.

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How traumatic brain injuries cause damage

On behalf of Parker Thorson posted in Brain Injury on Monday, October 12, 2015.

When California residents think about brain injuries caused by car accidents, they may believe that the brain bounces around inside the skull. However, this is not actually how brain injuries work. A professor at Columbia University stated that the brain has a consistency closer to Jell-O and that when trauma occurs, the brain cells actually warp against the interior of the skull.

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